

# REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



**To:** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item #:** VIII. F.

**From:** Tom M. Schmitz, Fire Chief

**Action** ☒

**Discussion** ☐

**Date:** December 2, 2014

**Information** ☐

**Subject:** Ordinance No. 2014-23 Amending Chapter 18 Concerning False Alarms

## **Action Requested:**

Adopt ordinance and waive seconding reading.

## **Information / Background:**

The Fire Department is requesting an amendment to the existing language which limits fee recovery to "fire" alarms only. Requesting removal of the word "fire" from Section 18-216. Definitions and Section 18-217. Fee. This change will allow recovery in the event of other types of false alarms such as, carbon monoxide, natural gas, medical, and water flow alarms. Currently the Department is very limited in enforcing problems with these other monitoring systems. This would allow us a mechanism to ensure system problems are dealt with in a timely manner.

Attachment

Ordinance No. 2014 - 23

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-23**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE EDINA CITY CODE**  
**CONCERNING FALSE ALARMS**

**THE CITY OF EDINA ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** Chapter 18, Division 6 of the Edina City Code is amended to provide as follows:

**DIVISION 6. FALSE FIRE ALARM RESPONSES**

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**Sec. 18-216. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*False ~~fire~~-alarm* means the receipt of and emergency response by the fire department to an audio or visual alarm or signal from an automatic-~~fire~~ alarm device set off by causes other than the occurrence of a ~~fire~~-an actual life safety hazard.

**Sec. 18-217. Fee.**

A fee in the amount set forth in section 2-724 shall be payable to the city for the second and each subsequent false ~~fire~~-alarm within a 12-month period. The fee for a false ~~fire~~-alarm shall be payable by the owner of the building or premises from which the alarm was received and shall be payable within ten days after a statement therefor is mailed or delivered by the city.

**Section 2.** This ordinance is effective immediately upon enactment.

First Reading: December 2, 2014

Second Reading: Waived

Published: December 11, 2014

Attest:

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Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

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James B. Hovland, Mayor

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Send two affidavits of publication

Bill to Edina City Clerk